

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-2, 12, 14 and 16-25 have been canceled, without prejudice.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 5, 9-11, 13 and 15 is acknowledged, with appreciation.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been objected-to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. See page 3 of the Office Action dated August 1, 2005. The claims have been amended above, without prejudice, to place the objected-to claims in condition for allowance.

Entry of the present Amendment and allowance of claims 3-11, 13 and 15 is requested.

Entry of the present Amendment will advance prosecution by placing all of the claims in condition for allowance. No new issues are raised by the present Amendment which would require further search and/or consideration. No new matter has been added.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 2, 6, 12, 14 and 16-25 will be moot upon entry of the present Amendment.

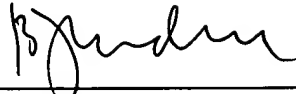
Entry of the present Amendment and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

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